

Multiple-Choice Questions

Directions: Read each question carefully. Choose the letter of the best answer.

1. What is the America's Cup?
 - A. A boat-building competition
 - B. A prestigious yacht race
 - C. A swimming competition
 - D. A fishing tournament
2. What skills are required in yacht racing?
 - A. Cooking and swimming
 - B. Drawing and painting
 - C. Technical skills and strategy
 - D. Singing and dancing
3. How much does it cost to develop and build a yacht for the America's Cup?
 - A. Thousands of dollars
 - B. Hundreds of dollars
 - C. Millions of dollars
 - D. One hundred dollars
4. For many years, the America's Cup stayed in the hands of which organization?
 - A. New Zealand Yacht Club
 - B. New York Yacht Club
 - C. Italian Yacht Club
 - D. Australian Yacht Club
5. What agreement sets the rules for the America's Cup?
 - A. The Universal Agreement
 - B. The Yacht Racing Act
 - C. The Deed of Gift
 - D. The Boat Design Law
6. What could happen if a team did not follow the rules?
 - A. The team could be disqualified.
 - B. The team would receive extra money.
 - C. The team would get a larger boat.
 - D. The team would automatically win.
7. Which of the following was limited by the Universal Rules?
 - A. The number of sailors
 - B. Sail area and boat length
 - C. The color of the boat
 - D. The number of races per year
8. Why did the money available for yachting decrease after World War II?
 - A. Boats became unpopular.

- B. There were too many sailors.
 - C. Wartime losses affected available money.
 - D. The ocean became dangerous.
9. When did the America's Cup races stop being held for a period?
- A. 1918–1925
 - B. 1938–1957
 - C. 1958–1989
 - D. 1980–1988
10. What rule was introduced when the America's Cup returned in 1958?
- A. The Ten-Meter Class
 - B. The Twenty-Meter Class
 - C. The Twelve-Meter Class
 - D. The Fifteen-Meter Class
11. What was one result of the Twelve-Meter Class rule?
- A. Boats became larger and slower.
 - B. Boats became smaller, lighter, and faster.
 - C. Boats became more expensive and heavier.
 - D. Boats were no longer allowed to race.
12. What major development changed yacht design in the 1980s?
- A. The invention of larger sails
 - B. The use of computer design software
 - C. The invention of wooden boats
 - D. The use of fishing equipment
13. What did designers use computer simulations to test?
- A. The sailors' skills
 - B. Various forces acting on a sailboat
 - C. The color of the sails
 - D. The cost of the boats
14. What happens when underwater resistance on a boat's hull is reduced?
- A. The boat becomes slower.
 - B. The boat becomes heavier.
 - C. The boat can reduce drag and turn more quickly.
 - D. The boat becomes more difficult to control.
15. Which countries became involved in the America's Cup because of technological developments?
- A. Australia, New Zealand, and Italy
 - B. Canada, France, and Spain
 - C. Japan, China, and Korea
 - D. Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina
16. What was special about the **Stars and Stripes 88**?
- A. It was made entirely of wood.
 - B. It was the first yacht in the race with a twin-hulled catamaran design.
 - C. It was the largest yacht ever built.
 - D. It had only one sail.

17. What material was used for the keel of the **Stars and Stripes 88**?
- A. Steel
 - B. Wood
 - C. Carbon fiber
 - D. Aluminum
18. Why did the twin-hulled design reduce drag?
- A. It used two thin hulls instead of one large hull.
 - B. It had a larger engine.
 - C. It used heavier materials.
 - D. It had fewer sails.
19. What does **"prototype"** mean in the article?
- A. A final product sold to customers
 - B. A model used to test or develop a machine or design
 - C. A type of sailing competition
 - D. A rule for yacht racing
20. What is the main idea of the article?
- A. Yacht racing is an inexpensive sport.
 - B. The America's Cup has changed through rules, technology, and innovative boat designs.
 - C. New Zealand has always won the America's Cup.
 - D. Computer games have replaced yacht racing.